

A LETTER TO IDENTITY-BELIEVING KINDRED
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My walk with Christ began in my childhood, and I first learned Israel Identity at the age of 13 in a small study group in Boise, Idaho. I spent much of my time in those days listening to old reel-to-reel sermons by Dr. Westley Swift, Bertrand Comparet, Col. William Gale and their many contemporaries. When I was 16 my family moved to North Idaho so we could take part in an Identity community: the Church of Jesus Christ Christian led by Pastor Richard Butler. I'd found a purpose in life and by 17 I was running the CJCC/Aryan Nations printshop working for Pastor Butler. Through our work I learned the many varying (and often conflicting) Identity doctrines, as well as the many varying (and often conflicting) political positions and groups among the "White Wing," collectively referred to as "the Movement."

In those days, the late 70's and early 80's, we referred to Identity as a "free thinking" view of Christianity. There were many differing doctrines under the banner of Identity. Each Identity minister had his own brand. We all understood this, and while we still had the "'I truly am of Paul,' and another, 'I of Apollos'" (1Co 3:4) type of division, most everyone had the same basic standards "in principle" (that White Christians are Israel, that the Jews not, race-mixing is race-murder, etc.), and this allowed a unity of purpose beyond the divisions of denominationalism.

I fell to prison in 1985 for my activities with The Order. Buried in solitary and supermax throughout my first years inside, I studied hard to prove whether my beliefs were true, sorting through the many positions of Identity for God's Truth. I had to **"let God be true and every man a liar"** (Ro 3:4), and asked, "Is God's Word ONE or MANY differing beliefs?" I found verses that indicated God's Word was knowable and understandable (Jn 14:26, 16:13; 1Jn 2:20,27; 1Ti 2:3-4), that His Word is One (Ep 4:4-6; 1Co 12:12-13; Php 2:2-5). I found that Christians are to be united in God's Word, **"Now I exhort you, brothers, through the authority of our Master, Jesus Anointed, that you all say the same thing, and have no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same judgment"** (1Co 1:10, AST).

From prison I started editing The Way newsletter for the CJCC/AN to teach "the basics" to our Folk. But I ran in to roadblocks in translation, and particularly developing a clear understanding of the New Covenant in Jesus Anointed. Something Identity often ignores is the New Testament. It wasn't long before the King James Version and Strong's Concordance combo so popular with CI followers failed to take me any further in study, and I started digging into translation and the science of Textual Criticism. (The Strong's dictionaries are incomplete. Strong often leaned on his doctrinal views rather than literal translation so his work can not always be relied on). I already knew the KJV was outdated, but discovered it was a terrible translation based upon the Textus Receptus an early attempt at Textual Criticism that included every error and interpolation ever added to the Greek texts of the NT.

I learned that the Masoretic Jews edited the Hebrew Old Testament in 1000 AD. That they altered OT verses cited in the NT, and they meant to discredit the Greek Old Testament called the Septuagint (LXX) translated from older Hebrew sources 280 years BEFORE Jesus, before the mongrel Edomites mixed into Judean society the century prior to Jesus (the Herods were Edomites). **Fact:** When the NT quotes the OT the NT authors mostly quote the Greek of the Septuagint, but never the Hebrew. Nor do their quotes agree with the Hebrew over the Greek LXX where the two differ. (My essay The Septuagint vs The Masoretic Text was first published in The Way).

I also found that churchianity had developed their own "traditional" way of translating Greek words and terms that differed from classical and common Greek definitions of the LXX and NT time period. Judaism has been redefining words and terms in society since they first gained control of publishing houses, colleges and media, but it goes much deeper and further back than we imagine.

The NT was written in Koine Greek, "common Greek," the Greek used by everyday people. While this does differ from the Attic Greek of the classics, not so much that they are two inseparable languages, rather it is a matter of Greek dialects.

But even that varied from place to place, so that wasn't the issue. What had happened was modern Jewdeos had developed what they call "Biblical Greek," divorcing the Greek words of the NT from the Greek used in writings of the same time period. But as Christians we know the New Covenant was written to common everyday Adamic people throughout "the nations" (NOT "gentiles") of the Roman Empire, Greece, the northern "barbarians" [a term for early Germanic tribes] and Scythians [eastern European frontiersmen] (Col 3:11). The Epistles were letters to everyday people of the time, and for them to have understood what was written it had to be in the language they understood, not some specially coded language that only Christians used and could understand, otherwise everyday people wouldn't get the message.

It was around 1990 that I began studying with Pastor V.S. Herrell who had learned Greek in college, and had been researching it his entire life. At the time he was researching and digging up Greek words with racial meanings and implications from older purer sources. (It was excellent work that has been largely ignored by Identity). This led to my studying Greek definitions from older sources, and opened up a world of understanding in the New Testament Identity had barely brushed over. And, it eventually led to our Anointed Standard Translation (AST) of the New Covenant. ~~I will enclose an article I wrote "The AST Was Translated For Identity Christians" that my Church published in "The Tate Letters," that will give you an idea how our AST came into being.~~

I did not get a full understanding of the New Covenant in Jesus Anointed through study with our Identity ministers, the NT was largely ignored by Identity in favor of the racial message of the OT. Yet, the NT, the New Covenant in Jesus Crucified is the fulfillment, the culmination, of the Old Covenants, including the Abrahamic, where God promised Abraham that, **"All the nations will be blessed in you"** (Gal 3:8; Gen 18:18, 22:18), and these "nations" of Adam were blessed through the "Seed" of Abraham that is Jesus Anointed, **"And the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his Seed. It does not say, 'And to the seeds,' as upon many, but as of One, 'And to your Seed,' Who is the Anointed"** (Gal 3:16; Gen 13:15, 17:8, 22:18; 24:7). Of course, these "nations" were those of Adam mentioned in Deut 32:8-9 and millenia later in Col 3:11; Acts 2:8-11 who were all Adamic at that time, but were not of Israel. It isn't that we are physical "Israelites" by blood, but that the New Covenant in Jesus brought all the Adamic nations together as one Race as they were intended to be from the beginning through Him, and it is this way that Christians, "Anointed-ones," are the Bride of Israel, the New Jerusalem and Living City of God on earth, the Anointed Nation of Jesus that are also His Government on earth. But Identity misses even some of that message, and as result is divided, and not One.

How important is our New Covenant in Jesus? Think on this: If the NT calls the OT "the Scriptures," then that makes the NT **the True Interpretation** of the Scriptures. ~~The Final Say~~ of Jesus, Who said after His Crucifixion and Resurrection, **"All authority in Heaven and upon earth was given to Me"** (Mt 28:18).

[A Historical Note on "the nations" of Jesus' time: Many of those nations were already in the throws of race-mixing, not just from the Canaanite blood that was left behind in peoples like the Edomite/Idumean seedline which gave birth to modern Talmudic Judaism, but mongrelization was spreading out of Babylon and the east from India, and south out of north Africa, all which centuries later gave rise to the mongrel nations of the mongrel religion of Islam that now make up the Arab states, **Iran and Turkey that today represent graveyards of our Race in the ancient world and remain a curse and a reminder to us that God's Racial Laws still stand**].

Allow me to share some study of common Greek words that have lost meaning because of "traditional" translation. Imagine explaining "automobile" to an ancient Greek. You'd not only have to explain mechanical systems like transmissions and gears, but electronics and combustion engines. The Greeks had words that are just as complex and strange to us, yet those same words were everyday knowledge to them like cars are to us. To comprehend Greek words, we have to understand the ideas behind them. I'll include Strong's Reference Numbers to make them easier to find, but thorough definition is only found in older more complete Greek lexicons.

Let's start with the word SPIRIT from the Greek *pneuma* (SRN 4151 πνεῦμα) which literally means "wind, breeze, air, breathed air." We get the English word pneumatic from the Greek *pneuma*, air-driven pneumatic wrenches or air-filled pneumatic tires. The Greeks understood *pneuma*/wind/air differently than what is conveyed by our English word "spirit," you see, they believed that thoughts, ideas, inspiration, mentalities and even emotions like anger were carried through the invisible air. If we were speaking face-to-face a Greek might say I was "breathing" these thoughts to you. If we were observing a riot, the Greeks might have said, "Something is in the air." Today we imagine Edison's lightbulb hanging above someone's head as a representation of inspiration, but the Greeks imagined that inspiration passing through the air. To translate *pneuma* as "spirit" defeats the original meaning of the word because of all the fanciful definitions for spirit that have nothing to do with the Greek meaning. It is for this reason we translate *pneuma* as "mentality." We have One Mentality of God, and there are many mentalities of the flesh and the diabolical one. John said, "Beloved, do not be persuaded by every mentality [*pneuma*], but test the mentalities [*pneuma*], if they are of God, because many false prophets have gone forth into the world" (1Jn 4:1, AST). John also tells us that "God is a Mentality, and those worshipping Him must worship in Mentality and truth" (Jn 4:24, AST). God's Mentality is reflected in His Word, and we know that the physical man Jesus was the Word made flesh (Jn 1:14), well, we should also know that "the Master is the Mentality and where the Mentality of the Master is, there is freedom" (2Cor 3:17, AST). We also translate HOLY SPIRIT as "Separating Mentality" because the Greek word for holy, *hagios* (SRN 40 ἅγιος), meant something "set apart or separated" to God. And, as Jesus promised, "the Comforter, the Mentality of Separation, Whom the Father will send in My authority, He will teach you all things and will remind you of all things that I said to you" (Jn 14:26, AST). For, you see, that Comforter, the Mentality of Separation (Holy Spirit) is "the Mentality of Truth Who proceeds from the Father" (Jn 15:25, AST; also 14:6,17, 16:13). In 1 John 2:1 Jesus is the Comforter Who is the Mentality.

Like many of the ancients, the Greeks had some funny ideas of how the human body functioned, and this was carried into the meaning of Greek words. Heart is a good example. After death the vessels of the heart empty out and fill up with air, so in ancient autopsies Greeks believed the heart processed the air/mentalities we breathe in, meaning they thought our heart was our brain. HEART is for *kardia* (SRN 2588 καρδιά) literally "heart, mind." To the Greeks the heart was the center of thought and will, not the center of emotion, which is European concept. *Kardia* is synonymous with *nous* (SRN 3563 νοῦς) "mind, intellect." (Some Greeks believed the brain was a heat regulation device because you can feel fevers in your forehead). Modern Jewdeos are completely caught up over emotion, it is all about "feelings," reason doesn't come into the equation, and so when they read "heart" they interpret it as a purely emotional feature. But for the Greeks, emotion came from various sources, like "anger" from *thumos* (SRN 2372 θυμός) which came from etymological roots meaning to seethe, puff and pant. Or the "deep bowels," *splagxnon* (SRN 4698 σπλάγχνον), which were the seat of feelings and affection, because our guts tighten up when we get emotional. While the heart is certainly a place where emotions work, it doesn't take much study to realize that to the Greek reader, and even to the Hebrew, heart/*kardia* had more to do with thought than emotion. For example, "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of persuasion which we proclaim. Because if you confess [agree with, homologeo] the Master Jesus with your mouth, and if you are persuaded in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one is persuaded unto justification, and with the mouth, one confesses [agrees with, homologeo] unto salvation" (Rom 10:8-10, AST, citing from Deut 30:12-14). Or, "You are our letter, having been inscribed in our hearts, being known and being read by all men, being manifested that you are a letter of the Anointed, ministered by us, having been inscribed not by ink but by the Mentality of the Living God, not in tables of stone but in tables of fleshly heart" (2Co 3:2-3, AST; also Ac 16:14; 1Th 2:4, etc.). Having a full understanding

of heart as the center of "thought and will" changes the entire meaning of verses like, "Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God" (Mt 5:8); or, "circumcision is of the heart, in the Mentality" (Rom 2:29).

Another key word is SOUL, from the Greek **psuche** (SRN 5590 ψυχη) literally "breath" as a sign of "life." Psuche is where we get our modern word "psyche." Like spirit, soul is obfuscated by many hocus pocus definitions so as to completely miss the original meaning of the Greek, but even the potential definitions in the Greek are complex making it hard to translate. In both the NT and OT/LXX psuche is used for different forms of life, from plants to animals to people to Adamic Christians. When applied to lower life forms, psuche refers to the kind of "life" of the creature, like the life of a plant verses the life of a dog, as in the *nature or characteristics* of that living "breathing" thing. (Yes, a dog has a soul, the "life" of a dog). Psuche is also used in another sense for the *type of life* a person may lead. For example, God breathes-in His Mentality of Truth into His elect and justified children, but the "breath" taken in by the ungodly leads to death. So, Christians should be **"Purifying your lives [psuche], in the obedience of the truth,"** (1Pe 1:22, AST). Adamic men and women have an Intended Nature God gave to us in the beginning, if we live the Lives God intended for us then we prove we have His Breath, the Mentality of Separation, working in us. Thus psuche is best translated as "life," either Life from Above, life of the flesh, life of evil, etc. There are even those riding the fence between the Life of God and the life of the flesh, as Jacob wrote, **"...the one doubting is like a wave of the sea, being driven and tossed by wind. For let not that man be persuaded that he will receive anything from the Master - he is a man with two lives [dipsuchos, two-psuche] and undependable in all his ways"** (Ja 1:5-8, AST). Psuche is contrasted by zoe (SRN 2222 ζωη) physical "life." Zoe is the animation of the flesh, and psuche is the life you may lead in that flesh (directed by the mentality you allow to lead you). But, psuche can also be used as an alternate for zoe, as Jesus said, **"The one finding his life [psuche] will lose it, and he losing his life [psuche] for My sake will find it"** (Mt 10:39, AST).

This little chart reflects what we call "The Baptism of Fire" which is the Baptism of Jesus (Mt 3:11). God, Jesus and His Law/Word are all called Light, Life, Truth and Mentality (Spirit) in various places throughout Scripture making these some of the many "names" for God. God's Mentality is from Above and it does not lie. It goes where He wills, and indwells those God has called and chosen, we know them because they hear Him (1Jn 4:6; Jn 8:47). We also know people by their "fruits," their actions or works (Mt 7:20; Lk 6:44), and The Word clearly defines those positive and negative actions (Gal 5:16-24).

In this chart the Heart and Mind are the "battleground" so to speak between the Mentality of God and the mentalities of the flesh and of the diabolical one. While the mentalities of darkness are confusion that leads to corruption and blindness, the Separating Mentality of God's Word (Logos - Logic, Reason) enlightens, cleanses, regenerates and renews the mind and thoughts. For Christians, His Will becomes our will, as He intended for us from the beginning.

ΘΕΟΣ (God)	ΦΩΣ (Light)
ὁ λόγος (The Word)	ἀληθεια (Truth)
Πνευμα (Mentality - Spirit)	[From Above]
ζωη (life, physical)	
ψυχη (Life - Soul)	[Directed by Jesus Anointed]
νοος (mind)	καρδια (heart)
[centers of thought and will]	
ψυχη (life - soul)	[led about by the flesh]
	σαρξ (flesh)
πνευμα (mentalities - spirits)	[from below]
ψευδος (lies)	θανατος (death)
σκοτος (darkness)	διαβολος (devil)

Many denominations teach that Jesus didn't baptize, yet, John said **"He coming after me...will baptize you in the Mentality of Separation and fire"** (Mt 3:11). The Baptism of Jesus is the One True Baptism, the important one. As one Brother likes to say, no amount of dunking in the polluted waters of the Missouri, no amount of washing in chlorinated, lead-filled hard water, can cleanse a man from sin. Only the Separating Mentality of God, His Thoughts, can burn away corruption in a man's mind. Only the Sacrifice of Jesus Anointed can justify unjustified man.

That there is a separate and unique Baptism of Jesus is proven by a thorough reading of Acts. After Jesus' resurrection He presented Himself to His students for forty days, then **"He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to await the promise of the Father, 'which you heard of Me; for John indeed baptized with water, but you will be baptized in the Mentality of Separation not many days after'"** (Ac 1:4-5, AST). This Baptism of Fire took place at that following Pentecost, **"And tongues as of fire appeared to them...and they were all filled of the Mentality of Separation, and began to speak in other tongues [glossa "languages"], as the Mentality gave them to speak"** (Ac 2:3-4, AST). The Baptism of Fire was the birth of Jesus' Body Politic or Church on earth, of which every genuine Christian should be a member. The miracle was not simply that the people from many nations could **"hear each in our own dialect"** (2:8), but that they could **"hear them speaking the great deeds of God in our own tongue"** (2:11). They **"understood"** the Message; while others who were present could not and said those speaking were drunk (2:13). This was because to those God Wills, they hear His Word. But those who are not His are incapable of understanding. **"We are of God; the one knowing God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. From this we know the Mentality of Truth and the mentality of error"** (1Jn 4:6, AST). Or as Jesus said, **"For many are called, but few are chosen"** (Mt 22:14, AST).

In my youth I knew God's truth of race and His Law/Word from Identity, I knew God's standards of Justice, and loved the story of Christ. I still believe those simple basics I once knew in principle, but now so much more. In Identity I was like Apollos in Acts 18:24-25, I **"understood only the baptism of John."** Then, having fallen to prison as a rebel against the injustices and corruption in our land, I was forced to take a closer look at God's Word and discovered, like the students/disciples in Acts 19:1-7, that there was more to God's Word than I ever imagined, for like me they only understood the baptism of John and **"did not even hear what this Mentality of Separation is"** (19:2), and **"hearing, they were baptized into the authority of the Master Jesus"** (19:5). So, there is another baptism other than water baptism that our Folk need to fully realize and understand.

God's Word is an Intelligible Message. For His children it is knowable and understandable. Most of us grasp the Word in principle, but there's more to it than most believe when we are just starting out. And it is through the Mentality of Separation that is God's Living Word that Christians are baptized in the mind. Paul wrote of Jesus, **"...the Anointed loved the Body Politic [Church], and gave Himself up on behalf of them, that He might separate them, PURIFYING BY THE WASHING OF THE WATER BY THE WORD, that He might present it to Himself as the reputable Body Politic, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that it be pure and unblemished"** (Eph 5:25-27, AST). The Body Politic/Church is the Wife of Jesus, and even the KJV says Jesus **"might sanctify [separate] and cleanse [purify] it with the washing of the water by the word"** (5:26, KJV). Not a totally emotional happy-feely roll-in-the-isles experience, but a mental experience, a realization, an apprehension of the fullness of God's Word. As you already know, the Law/Word of God, His Mentality, is like a burning fire, burning away corruption in a man. And only those who have the Baptism and Calling of Jesus Anointed may understand His Word and walk in that Fire, much like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego walked in the fiery furnace and were not burned.

Salvation is a rebirth that takes place in the mind. **"When the kindness and love of our Savior appeared toward man, not by actions in justice which we had done, but according to His compassion, He saved us, THROUGH THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWAL OF THE MENTALITY OF SEPARATION, which He richly poured out on us through**

Jesus the Anointed, our Savior, that being justified by His favor we might become heirs according to the confidence of eternal life" (Tit 3:4-7, AST). "Regeneration" is for **paligenesia** [SRN 3824 παλιγγενεσία] the initial "rebirth" of new Christians. "Renewal" is for **anakainosis** (SRN 341 ανακαινωσις) the day-by-day renewing process that leads to the growth and maturing of Christians. For "if indeed our outward man is being decayed, yet **THE INWARD MAN IS BEING RENEWED DAY BY DAY**" (2Cor 4:16, AST). "And do not be conformed to this age, **BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF THE MIND**, in order to prove by you what is the good and well-pleasing and perfect will of God" (Rom 12:2, AST; also Eph 4:22-24; Col 3:10).

The "regeneration" or "rebirth" signifies not just the initial regeneration of a new Christian, but also the "regeneration" of the many-membered Body of Jesus that is God's Body Politic or Church. As Jesus said before his death, "Truly I tell you, that you, the ones following Me: In the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His reputation, you also will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Mt 19:28, AST). Jesus prophesied the regeneration of His Body the Church, the New Israel of God, before His Crucifixion and Resurrection; and later, Paul wrote in his letters of the "regeneration" as an active part of Christian life AFTER the birth of the Body Politic/Church.

Question: **IS JESUS SITTING ON THE RIGHT OF THE THRONE OF GOD, AND DOES JESUS HAVE ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH?**

The Baptism of Fire is only one step in the history of Jesus' Work and PRESENCE on earth. His Finished Work was to bring forth His Government-Kingdom, His Body Politic. We translate **KINGDOM** as "Government" because it better represents to the modern mind all of the concepts the word invokes in Scripture. Translating **CHURCH** as "Body Politic," however, requires a deeper understanding of the Greek word **ekklesia** (SRN 1577 εκκλησία) commonly translated "church, or assembly." Problem is, the original Greek has a clear governmental meaning. In classical Greek an *ekklesia* was "an assembly of the citizens summoned by the crier, the legislative assembly." Expanded Strong's adds "was used among the Greeks of a body of citizens 'gathered' to discuss affairs of state." In the Old Testament Greek Septuagint *ekklesia* is used almost exclusively for an assembled body politic of God's people called in Jerusalem, the center of God's Old Testament Government. *Ekklesia* is contrasted by the synonym **synagoge** (SRN 4864 συναγωγή) literally "assembly" but generally "synagogue." In the OT LXX synagogue was used for any gathering of people and had no specific governmental implication. When the Judeans were in exile in Babylon they called "synagogues" of their people rather than an *ekklesia* because they believed the Government of God belonged in Jerusalem. Even after Zorobabel rebuilt the temple in Jerusalem around 516 BC, the synagogue system continued to operate for the Israelites in the Diaspora up through the time of Christ.

Now, this is important: When Jesus, and then His students following His resurrection, began to refer to His Christian Body as **THE EKKLESIA**, they were announcing that **THEY** were the Body Politic, the Government of God on earth. This was sacrilege to all Judeans. A serious affront to the Sadducees, scribes and priests who conducted the operation of the temple in Jerusalem as well as the Pharisees who ran the synagogue system, not to mention the mongrel Herodians who held authority over Judea and Jerusalem under Rome. It didn't just offend the Judeans that Jesus was professed as the Anointed One (Messiah, Christ) thereby challenging their religious authority, but their political authority was being questioned as well. But, if this wasn't enough, Christians were also referring to themselves as the Government/Kingdom of God.

WHEN IS THE KINGDOM? At the beginning of their ministries, first John the Baptist, then Jesus, both announced, "**Repent! For the Government of the Heavens has come near**" (Mt 3:2, 4:17, AST). Then Jesus instructed His students to go out proclaiming, "**The Government of the Heavens has drawn near**" (Mt 10:7, AST; also Lk 10:9,11). Anyone hearing this AT THAT TIME was left expecting the Kingdom's arrival in THEIR lifetime. Jesus also commanded His students, "**But seek first the Government of God, and His Justice, and all these things will be added to you**" (Mt

6:33, AST). Would Jesus instruct His students to "seek" something they could not find in their lifetimes? No. He did not command them to seek a Government/Kingdom that would not come for another 2,000+ years, nor something they would not see until they died and moved on to the afterlife. Rather, Jesus said, **"The Government of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'Behold, here,' or 'Behold, there;' for behold, THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU [plural]"** (Lk 17:21, AST). Jesus' Mentality indwells Christians individually, but in this verse He used the plural "you" indicating Christians as a group, a Body. He also said, **"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Government of God as a child in no way enters into it"** (Lk 18:17, AST). Christians individually enter the Government of God when we are born from above and the Mentality of Separation indwells our hearts and minds, and from there we are to MATURE together into the Body Politic of Jesus Anointed that is His Living Body on earth. The Body Politic is renewed generation to generation, so every new Adamic child has his or her chance to Hear and Do and take part in the Government of God in their lifetime... Or not, if they choose to reject the Mentality/Word of the Author of Life, our Master and King.

When we study Scripture we must pay close attention to the TIMING. Jesus said, **"The law and the prophets WERE UNTIL John [the Baptist], FROM THEN the good message of the Government of God is being proclaimed, and everyone IS pressing into it"** (Lk 16:16, AST). Jesus was not saying the law was done away with (Lk 16:17; Mt 5:17), He was announcing the coming of His Government. Unworthy bastards had taken over the earthly symbolic and ritualistic Mosaic government in Jerusalem, **"And from the days of John the baptist until now, the Government of the Heavens suffers violence, and the violent seize it. For all the prophets and the law prophesied UNTIL John"** (Mt 11:12-13, AST). God was about to make the Government of Jesus an Eternal Reality on earth. As He told the chief priests and the Pharisees, **"Because of this, I tell you, that the Government of God will be taken from you, and will be given to a nation producing its fruits"** (Mt 21:43, AST). The Body Politic of Christ became that Anointed Nation.

British Israelis look at the prophecy of the eternal kingline of David and think of it in an earthly sense, making the English throne an extension thereof. Some Identity people have also fallen into this thinking, while others have gotten over it and know that Jesus is King. Yet, everyone seems to miss the fullness of this prophecy. Let's look closer.

When David was sitting on his throne, in Jerusalem, and wanted to build a "house" for God, God told David, **"And I will APPOINT A PLACE for My people Israel and WILL PLANT THEM, ... I will raise up your offspring after you who shall be from your belly, and I will prepare his government; he shall build a house for My name, and I will restore his throne forever. I will be a Father to him, and he shall be a son to Me, ... And his house and his government shall be made sure forever before Me, and his throne shall be restored forever"** (2Ki [2Sam] 7:10-16, LXX [in part]; also 1Supp [1Chron] 17:9-14). Now, Solomon had already been born, so the "Offspring" that God was to "raise up" from David's loins to "build Me a house" wasn't Solomon, who built the symbolic building, but Jesus Who built the actual House of God, His Body. As Paul told the nations, **"Then, you are aliens and refugees no more, but fellow-citizens of the Separated Ones and of the household of God, having been built upon the foundation of the ambassadors and prophets, Jesus Anointed Himself being the Cornerstone, in Whom all the building fitted together grows into a Separated Temple in the Master, in Whom you also are being constructed together into the place where the Mentality of God dwells"** (Eph 2:19-22, AST). Next, as we already know, none of the earthly kings could fulfill the statement, **"I will RESTORE His Throne FOREVER"** (:13,16). And, while Christians may be children of God, only of Jesus can it be said, **"I will be a Father to Him, and He shall be a Son to Me"** (:14). Finally, keep in mind that King David was in Jerusalem when God said **"I will appoint a place for My people Israel."** Taking this literally does not mean a single physical place any more than Jesus' eternal Authority is only found in Heaven, or in Jerusalem, or England, or America (but never Germany according to British Israelis).

Jesus is not confined to one place. While the Mentality of Jesus does indwell each Christian individually, His collective Body Politic is not only His physical Body on earth, but His Temple, "Do you not know that you are a temple of God? And the Mentality of God dwells in you? If anyone mongrelizes the temple of God, God will mongrelize that one. For the temple of God is separate, which you are" (1Co 3:16-17; also 6:19; 2Co 6:16). So, when God promised David He would appoint a place for Israel, that place is His Body Politic. The Government of God is not geographical, it is biological. The Government of God is only geographical in the dominions exercised by believers. This could be the family farm, or a community like the old church up north, or those places and times where our Christian forebears have raised Christian nations. The rule on this is, "For where two or three are gathered in My authority, there I am in their midst" (Mt 18:20, AST).

Consider the magnitude of Jesus' Authority. When Jesus was dragged before the sanhedrin prior to His Crucifixion, the high priest asked Him if He was the Anointed, the Son of God, and Jesus replied, "You said it. Yet I tell you, FROM THIS TIME you will see the Son of man sitting on the right of power, and coming on the clouds of the heavens" (Mt 26:64, AST; Lk 22:69). Then, following His Resurrection Jesus told His students, "ALL AUTHORITY in Heaven AND upon earth WAS GIVEN to Me" (Mt 28:18, AST). Jesus' Authority is reconfirmed over and over in the New Covenant: John 3:35; Philippians 2:9; Ephesians 1:20-23. Peter further wrote of Jesus, "Who having gone into Heaven IS at the right of God, the messengers and authorities and powers BEING subjected to Him" (1Pe 3:22, AST). Jesus IS seated at the Right of the Throne of God: Acts 2:30,33,36, 5:31; Romans 8:34; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3, 8:1, 10:12, 12:2. Christ is King!

Over the forty days following His Resurrection, Jesus presented Himself in His physical body to His students, instructing them not to leave Jerusalem, but to await power from on high, the Baptism of the Mentality of Separation (Lk 24:49; Ac 1:4-5), which we know to be the second Baptism promised by John (Mt 3:11). Then (after the Resurrection, but before the Baptism of the Separating Mentality) we read, "So those then coming together questioned Him, saying, 'Master, Do you restore the Government to Israel at this time?' And He said to them, 'It is not yours to know times or seasons, which the Father placed in His own authority; but you will receive power, the Mentality of Separation coming upon you, and you will be witnesses of Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth [Gk ge, "land, region"]'" (Ac 1:6-8, AST). This call to witness is also called The Great Commission. "And this good message of the Government will be proclaimed in all the inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then will the end come" (Mt 24:14, AST). The "inhabited earth" is from the Greek oikoumene (SRN 3625 οἰκουμένη) which did NOT mean the entire planet, but is also translated as "civilized world," a term used to indicate the territories of the Roman Empire. Prior to the Romans the Greeks used oikoumene to designate the Greek (later Roman) world as opposed to uncivilized "barbarian" lands. In the foregoing verse, "the nations" is for *ethnos* (SRN 1484 εθνος) literally "nation," but commonly mistranslated "gentile." In the Roman age "The Nations" was used to refer to those nations under Roman authority. [There were also larger OT implications you can find in my word study on *The Nations//Gentiles*]. Taking all this into account, it was not the entire planet and every biped and creature in every nook and cranny that was called to hear the Good Message or Gospel, rather, testimony was made to the known "world" in THAT age. Paul confirms that The Great Commission was completed as early as the writing of his first letter to Timothy when he wrote, "And admittedly, the mystery of godliness is great: this One [Jesus] was manifested in flesh, was justified in Mentality, was seen by messengers, WAS PROCLAIMED AMONG NATIONS, was persuading in the world [kosmos], was taken up in reputation" (1Ti 3:16, AST). This is further confirmed when Paul referred to his work in "the remaining nations" (Ro 1:13, AST).

Clearly, if Paul was working on "the remaining nations" he knew where they were, and they were accessible to him. They had to be within Paul's reach on foot, sometimes by ship over the Mediterranean sea, but we never read of him on horseback.

Following the Birth of the Body Politic in Acts 2 the authors of the New Testament referred to the Government of Jesus IN THE PRESENT TENSE, so they had to have considered that regeneration of the Spiritual Body of Jesus in the Church to also be the Birth of His Government. For example, Paul wrote, "...so as for us to **boast ourselves in you in the body politics of God for your patience and persuasion in all your persecutions and the afflictions which you endure, a clear token of the just judgment of God for you to be counted worthy of the Government of God, FOR WHICH, truly, YOU SUFFER**" (2Th 1:4-5, AST). And, it was God "**Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and CHANGED US INTO THE GOVERNMENT of the Son of His honorable brotherly love**" (Co 1:13, AST).

The opening chapters of The Revelation were clearly written to those then living. Here we read that Jesus **"MADE US A GOVERNMENT and priests unto God"** (Re 1:6, AST). Yes, the KJV reads, "kings and priests," translating "kings" for *basileus* (SRN 935 βασιλευς), yet older more reliable texts and the Majority text of our NT have *basileia* (SRN 932 βασιλεια) "kingdom," "Government." [The KJV was translated from the so-called Textus Receptus, an early attempt at Textual Criticism using only a fraction of the texts available to us today, only eight of which were of any importance, none dating before the 10th century, 1,000 years after Christ].

We further read that the author of The Revelation, John, was **"co-sharer in the affliction and the Government [basileia] and patience of Jesus"** (Re 1:9, AST). And it is also reconfirmed of Jesus, the One worthy to open the scrolls and to loosen its seals, that He **"made us a Government and priests to our God, and we shall reign in the earth"** (Re 5:10, AST).

Don't forget the verses I shared where the authors of our New Covenant referred to THEIR TIME as: **"the last time"** (1Pe 1:5), **"the last times"** (1Pe 1:20); **"these last days"** (He 1:2), **"the completion of the ages"** (He 9:26); **"the last days"** (Ac 2:16-17); **"a last hour"** (1Jn 2:17-18). As Peter said to THOSE THEN ALIVE, **"the end of all things HAS drawn near"** (1Pe 4:7). Or as Paul wrote of the terrible judgments that came upon sinners of the past, **"these things happened as examples to them, and it was written as a warning TO US [them], to whom THE END OF THE AGES HAS ARRIVED"** (1Co 10:11). Then, maybe three years prior to 70 AD and the destruction of Jerusalem, the author of Hebrews wrote about the old vs the New covenants, **"In the saying 'New,' He has made the first old. And the thing having been made old and growing aged IS NEAR DISAPPEARING"** (He 8:13; also 7:12,22, 9:15, 10:14).

After the birth of the Body Politic, the Bride of Jesus, TWO governments existed side-by-side: The old spiritually dead symbolic Mosaic government, and the Living Government of Jesus Anointed. The old and corrupt persecuted the New and Genuine rather than submit to the Authority of Jesus Anointed, the Rightful Heir of Mark 12:1-12 and Matthew 21:33-46. But these persecutions were the Honor of the First Christians who were the Living Body of Jesus (Ac 9:1-5, 22:7, 26:15; Mt 25:40), as Paul wrote, **"Now I rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf, and I fill up completely in my flesh the things lacking with the oppressions of the Anointed, on behalf of His Body, which is the Body Politic"** (Co 1:24, AST). The Ambassadors continued city by city **"confirming the lives of the students, exhorting to continue in the persuasion, and that through many afflictions we [i.e. they] must enter into the Government of God"** (Ac 14:22, AST).

Then, just prior to the fulfillment of Jesus' Mount Olivet (Mount of Olives) Prophecy of the destruction of the temple (Mt 24, Lk 21, Mk 13), The Revelation To John was written. By the best evidence The Revelation was written between 68-69 AD, just prior to the destruction of Jerusalem, September 11th, 70 AD. Ironically, Herod's temple had only just been completed the year prior, only to be destroyed by Titus in retaliation for the insanity of the Judean zealots. You can read a detailed account of this destruction in Josephus' works, or Eusebius' account in his Ecclesiastical History, Book 3, Chapters 5 thru 9, which confirms Jesus' Mount Olivet Prophecy.

Today, every Christian ignores the enormity of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. This was The Day of Vindication, where all the suffering, persecutions and

murders of Jesus, His students and the prophets of God were vindicated against the corrupt governments that lorded over physical Jerusalem and the administration of the temple. **"For these are the days of vengeance; all the things that have been written are to be fulfilled"** (Lk 21:22, AST).

Christians always seem to forget to ask: WHEN JERUSALEM, THE TEMPLE AND THE LEVITICAL PRACTICES ENDED, WHAT TOOK THEIR PLACE? Well, after studying the foregoing, isn't the answer become clear? It IS the Body Politic of Jesus, which has existed generation to generation ever since.

There is an order to the Body Politic for which we have a detailed guide: our New Covenant in Jesus Anointed. Christians are required to not just look into it, but to put it into practice. As Paul wrote after listing instructions for the Order of Leadership among the Body Politics in 1 Timothy 3:1-13, **"I write these things to you...that you may know how to behave in the house of God, which is the Body Politic of the Living God, the pillar and foundation of truth"** (1Ti 3:14-15, AST). How high is that calling?! How is it that Christians in OUR age can ignore it?! (Just imagine if not only our "movement" leaders were chosen according to this standard in 1st Timothy 3, but also all of the elected political leaders of our nations?)

Identity Folk are well aware how back in the Old Testament, when the stupid Israelites wanted a king to rule over them like the other nations, God warned them how serious the consequences would be (1 Kings 8 [1 Samuel 8]). In God's original Order of things from the beginning of creation Adamic men and women were to RULE THEMSELVES through the Law/Word of God, by His Standard of Justice. Well, things have come full circle. For genuine Christians, Christ is King, and He has made us His Living Temple and Body on earth. Of Jesus it is written, **"And He is before all things, and all things are held together in Him, and He IS the Head of the Body, the Body Politic, Who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He may be preeminent in all things"** (Co 1:17-18, AST).

In the actual Lord's Prayer found in John 17, Jesus prayed, **"I do not petition concerning the world, but for those whom You gave to Me, for they are Yours.... I DO NOT PETITION THAT YOU TAKE THEM OUT OF THE WORLD, BUT THAT YOU KEEP THEM FROM EVIL. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Separate them in Your truth; Your Word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world; and I separate Myself for them, that they also may be separated in truth. And I do not petition concerning these only, BUT ALSO CONCERNING THOSE WHO WILL BE PERSUADED IN ME THROUGH THEIR WORD"** (Jn 17:9,15-20, AST). Two-thousand years later you and I are those who have been persuaded through their word, which is the Word of Jesus Anointed. We are those who the author of Hebrews wrote, **"So the Anointed, having been offered to bear the failures of many, WILL APPEAR a second time without failure TO THOSE EXPECTING HIM FOR SALVATION"** (He 9:28, AST). Those expecting Him for salvation are you, me, and every Christian from then to now and into the future (Ep 3:21; Co 1:26; He 10:14; Jn 14:23).

God does not dwell in buildings made by the hands of men, He dwells in the Building He made with His Hands, the Living Temple that resides within the Adamic Race: Acts 17:24, 7:48; John 1:14; Hebrews 3:3-6, 8:2; Revelations 21:22. Why can't White Christians understand that our Body is to be the Temple of the Living God? And so much more.

Just prior to 70 AD and the complete end of the corrupt earthly government in Jerusalem, the author of Hebrews wrote, **"But you [they] HAVE drawn near to Mount Zion, and a city of the Living God, to a heavenly Jerusalem, and to ten-thousands of messengers, and to an assembly, a Body Politic of firstborn ones having been enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the mentalities of just ones who have been completed, and to Jesus, Mediator of a New Covenant, and to blood of sprinkling, speaking better things than that of Abel"** (He 12:22-24, AST). We are called become citizens of the City of God on earth that is the New Jerusalem, **"the Jerusalem from above is free, who is the mother of us"** (Ga 4:7, AST). We are now **"FELLOW-CITIZENS of the Separated Ones and of the Household of God"** (Ep 2:19, AST). The Christian Body is that "Apointed Place" God told David He would plant Israel.

The Bible teaches either explicitly or by implication. The Government of Christ is not really a philosophy, in reality it is a PERSON called the Master Jesus Anointed, and Christians are His Body. It matters not if the Body Politics in any place or generation are small or large, they are still the active Government of God on earth. **"For where two or three are gathered together in My authority, there I am in their midst"** (Mt 18:20, AST).

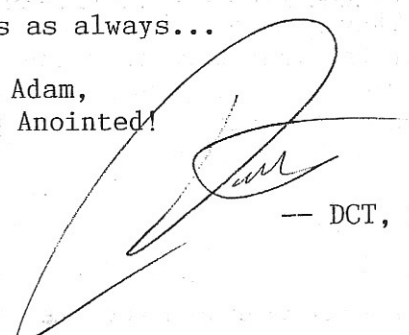
When Jesus taught the First Christians how to pray, He said, **"you [them] pray this way: 'Our Father in the Heavens, separated is Your authority. Let Your Government come; let Your will be done, as in Heaven, also on the earth'"** (Mt 5:9-10, AST). Well, that was then, this is now, and the Government of Jesus is in effect generation to generation. Today we must not only thank God for sacrificing His only-begotten Son on our behalf, and allowing Him to reveal His will to us as the Head of His Living Government; but we should pray that we can each mature to our personal capacity and potential as Christians so that we may become functional members in that Government, the Body Politic of Jesus Anointed in our age.

Genuine Christians are a colony, a city of Heavenly people in the midst of a Godless and perverse generation. We are in the world, but not part of the world. A Heavenly people with a Heavenly origin, a Heavenly Citizenship, a Heavenly destiny, to live Heavenly lives in a foreign land. And yet, we have the Authority of Jesus Anointed to stake a claim, to build up the Body Politic in our age, His Anointed Nation.

"For walking in flesh we do not war according to flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful to God in order to demolish strongholds, demolishing reasonings and every high thing lifting itself up against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of the Anointed, and having readiness to avenge all disobedience WHENEVER YOUR OBEDIENCE IS FULFILLED" (2Co 10:3-6, AST).

May our Father and God Bless and Keep you and ours as always...

Your Brother in the Lineage of Adam,
& The Separating Mentality of Jesus Anointed!



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A LETTER TO IDENTITY-BELIEVING KINDRED, Part 2
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A friend asked me more about this Bible Letter where I discuss translation of various Greek words and the Government of God. He wrote, "While the spirit of Yahshua is in us, it does not rule this planet, Satan, the evil one, does. Revelation states that Yahshua will return to crush the evil one (and his followers) and establish His physical kingdom on earth and rule it with a rod of iron (forced rule to any surviving satanic followers?). Resurrection, judgment, the 'second death' to the evil dead has not been discussed. Where does all that fit in?"

First we must answer a question: Is God in charge? If not, then He is not God. Satan does not rule God's Body the Body Politic/Church (Ac 5:29, 4:19; 1Th 2:4; Ga 1:6-10). And while bastards still walk this earth, those corrupt and evil men ruling over and harming others, they are actively judging themselves before God. They are outside the City of God that is God's Body Politic, Christian society. We have had Christian societies and nations over the centuries, America was one, although not any longer because our nation is under the curses/punishments for nations that reject the Laws of God. Consider that the City of God in The Revelation has such bastards existing outside of the City: Revelations 22:15; 21:27. Why? Because men still have freedom of choice in this life. Freedom to choose justice or injustice, life or death, in the here and now. Remember, Jesus did not ask that God's children be removed from this physical world, but rather that God keep them from evil (Jn 17:15).

As we know, Jesus did not come to do away with the Laws of God (Mt 5:17). This includes the Laws put in effect in Genesis when God formed the Cosmos and the earth. And we also know that the National Laws of Blessings and Cursings for nations who do or do not do God's Laws are also still in effect as outlined in Deuteronomy 28 and Leviticus 26. What has changed is that the New Heaven and New Earth where Justice dwells is fully realized in the City of God, the Living Government of God, the Body Politic/Church. The old symbolic Jerusalem, temple and ritual system are now realized in the Body of Jesus, the New Man that is His Government and Body Politic on earth. A Living Body that is renewed generation to generation in those who hear and do.

God is the Living Word that created all things, the cosmos and earth, His Laws are eternal and all the Laws of Nature are included within His Law/Word. It is God "Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and changed us into the Government of the Son of His honorable brotherly love, in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of failures. Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all created things, because in Him were created all things, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or masterships, or rulers or authorities, all things through Him and for Him have been created. And He is before all things, and all things are held together in Him, and He is the Head of the Body, the Body Politic, Who is the beginning, Firstborn from the dead, that He may be preeminent in all things. Because in Him, all the fullness was pleased to dwell" (Co 1:15-19, AST; see also 2Pe 3:5; He 1:3; Jn 1:1-5). All things. ALL things. God is in charge.

Keep in mind that dramatic "apocalyptic" language was used by the prophets to symbolize things long before The Revelation to John was written. The Old Testament has things like King David in the Psalms using dramatic -- we could even say over-dramatic -- language to describe his wars with strangers bordering Israel, his conflicts with internal enemies within Israel, and the history of Israel, much of which have God raining down the elements, casting lightning from the heavens and so forth. The prophets did the same thing to describe the fall and captivities of Israel and Judah to Assyria and Babylon. We can even look at Acts 2:14-21 where Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 saying that it was THEN fulfilled and see that prophetic language can be confusing (I've even heard Identity ministers saying this very prophecy of Joel that Peters says WAS fulfilled was yet to come because they

interpreted it differently than Peter). Symbolic language has nations referred to as mountains and races as trees, the Church as seven candles, masses of people as clouds, and old dead Jerusalem as a bloody whore who murdered our Savior and the prophets. So, when we look at the symbolism of The Revelation, we have to consider it in literal terms. And I am convinced it was all about the biggest things to ever happen to Israel, ever: the end of the Mosaic/Levitical government and old covenants, the coming of the New Covenant and Crowning of Jesus Anointed as King.

I'm not going to go into Revelations here. Pastor Herrell did a thorough study in "The Apocalypse of Christ: A Verse By Verse Exegesis" which covers most everything, and there's also others who've addressed Preterism in books and CDs such as Max King and his son (ask the fellas on the Facebook CS forum to provide ordering info on these materials). What I will try to answer here is more of your questions from the rest of the New Covenant.

Again, I must ask, DOES JESUS/GOD HAVE ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH? I think I answered that pretty thoroughly last letter. And, the foregoing quote from Colossians says all things are held together by Him. For now let's study two things that, like the Government of God, we can also call **Present Realities**: Resurrection and Judgment.

On RESURRECTION to Life, let's begin at Jesus' crucifixion. We all remember the two criminals nailed to torture stakes beside Him. One rebuked the other for blaspheming Jesus. He knew Jesus was innocent. **"And he said to Jesus, 'Remember me, Master, when You come in Your government.'** And Jesus said to him, **'Truly, I say to you, TODAY you WILL be with Me in Paradise'"** (Lk 23:42, AST). Now, God does not play favorites, all Christians have a "Common Salvation" (Ju 3; Ti 1:4). All Christians are "equally precious" before our God (2Pe 1:1). There is "one Body and one Mentality" that genuine Christians share in (Ep 4:4-6). So this criminal on the torture stake next to Jesus was not getting some special bus ride to Paradise that no one else got. He was promised something then and there that I am persuaded he received. Also, concerning the Government of Jesus. This criminal asked Jesus to, **"Remember me, Master, when You COME IN YOUR GOVERNMENT."** When did Jesus say that would be fulfilled? **"Today."** The very day they were crucified. (Keep in mind that the Israelites counted a "day" from morning to morning, not from 12 midnight).

We all remember the Transfiguration, where Jesus took His students to a high mountain **"And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as the light; and, behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him"** (Mt 17:2-3, AST). Sure, Moses and Elijah were important Bible figures, but, they too had a Common Salvation with Christians, who also are Anointed ones who are anointed by The Anointed One. These men were not in some grave awaiting resurrection, they were alive to God...before the Crucifixion and physical Resurrection of Jesus. This is because they looked forward to the coming Messiah, just as today we look back to the moment of crucifixion for our salvation.

Then there is Jesus' answer to the Sadducees who tested Him with the question about the widow of the seven brothers (Mt 22:23-33). Jesus said, **"About the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that spoken to you by God saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not of the dead, but of the living"** (Mt 22:31-32, AST). **NOT OF THE DEAD, BUT OF THE LIVING.**

And, what about the guy sent to give The Revelation to John? When John started to worship him he said, **"Behold! Stop! I am your FELLOW-SLAVE, and OF YOUR BROTHERS, having the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the Mentality of Prophecy"** (Re 19:10, AST). And again, **"Behold! Stop! For I am your fellow-slave, and of YOUR BROTHERS the prophets, and of those keeping the words of this Scroll. Worship God"** (Re 22:9, AST). This "messenger" (not "angel," which is a transliteration not a translation), if he was not a physical in the flesh man, was a guide from the afterlife, like those mentioned above...only this gentleman was a "fellow-slave," one of John's "brothers," one "having the testimony of Jesus." He was a Christian!

Now let's look at what John had to say on the subject. He quotes Jesus speaking of the Source of His Authority in John chapter 5, in part: **"For even AS the**

Father RAISES the dead and GIVES life, so also the Son GIVES life to whomever He wills. For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He not honoring the Son does not honor the Father Who has sent Him. Most assuredly, most assuredly, I say to you, The one hearing My Word and being persuaded by He Who sent Me HAS everlasting life and DOES NOT come unto judgment but HAS PASSED OUT OF DEATH INTO LIFE. Most assuredly, most assuredly, I say to you that an hour is coming AND NOW IS, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those hearing will live" (Jn 5:21-25, AST). The present tense is clear, "raises," "gives," "HAS." But also, "an hour is coming, AND NOW IS." That "hour" was then, not now (4:23; 1Jn 2:18).

When Lazarus died, Martha despaired, even though she believed in a future resurrection, but she did not understand that the last day was already upon them. So Jesus enlightened her, "Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to Him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection in the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; he being persuaded in Me, though he die, he will live. And everyone living and being persuaded in Me WILL NOT DIE FOREVER. Are you persuaded in this?'" (Jn 11:23-26, AST). Just as important as Jesus being the Resurrection and the Life (1Jn 5:12; Jn 14:6) is that Jesus said to Martha that anyone "persuaded" in Him "will not die forever." We know Jesus wasn't talking physical death because millions of persuaded/believing Christians have died physical death since He spoke those words, including Martha. Jesus was speaking of a death of the Mentality or Spirit.

Jesus offended unbelievers when He said "Except you eat of the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you do not have life in yourself" (Jn 6:53, AST). Of course all Christians now know that Jesus is the Living Word of which we must partake of to live and grow spiritually. As He clarified, "IT IS THE MENTALITY WHICH MAKES ALIVE. The flesh does not profit - nothing! The words which I speak are Mentality and are Life" (Jn 6:63, AST). This Life in the Mentality/Spirit begins for each separated Christian from the moment he is Born Again, which can also be translated Born From Above (Jn 1:12-13, 3:3). This is the moment of regeneration or rebirth for each new Christian through the Baptism of Fire we discussed in our earlier letter. It is the moment we begin Life anew in Jesus Anointed, the Living Word, the Mentality/Spirit, the Resurrection to Life.

And, speaking of being Born Again, consider Jesus' words in relation to the Government of God (in part), "Except one be born again, he is not able to see the Government of God ... Except one be born of water and the Mentality, he is not able to enter into the Government of God. That one being born from the flesh is flesh, and that one being born from the Mentality is Mentality" (Jn 3:3,5,6, AST). Note the timing "he is not able to see" "not able to enter" the Government. The tense doesn't say he "won't be able" as in a future setting, but "is not able," as in the present, at that moment. As for the difference in flesh vs spirit, Paul explains this well in his letters, particularly Galatians 5:19-24.

As you know, the Word, Mentality, Spirit of God is also likened to a Seed that is planted in us, "the implanted Word that is able to save your life [psuche]" (Ja 1:21). This pure Seed of God is the regeneration or rebirth, "having been regenerated not by mongrelizable seed, but unmongrelizable, through the Living Word of God, and remaining" (1Pe 1:21, AST; also Ga 3:29; 1Jn 3:9). And, if we grow into maturity then we produce the fruits of God's children; and if as a Community Body we grow to the stature of the New Man that is the Body of Jesus on earth, then we will produce the fruits of His Anointed Nation (Eph 2:16-22, 4:12-13).

The rest of the New Covenant supports the Present Reality of Resurrection to Life: "But we have in ourselves the sentence of death, that we should not trust in ourselves, but on God, the One HAVING RAISED the dead, Who DELIVERED us out of so great a death and DOES DELIVER, in Whom we have confidence that He will even YET DELIVER us" (2Co 1:9-10, AST). "If, then, you WERE RAISED with the Anointed, see the things above, where the Anointed IS sitting at the right of God" (Co 3:1, AST). And perhaps my favorite quote, "But God, being rich in compassion, because of the

great honorable brotherly love with which He loved us, even we being dead in transgression, He MADE US ALIVE by the Anointed (by favor you are saved), and RAISED US UP FROM THE DEAD together and SEATED us together IN THE HEAVEN in Anointed Jesus, that He might show in the coming ages the exceeding riches of His favor in kindness toward us in Anointed Jesus" (Eph 2:4-7, AST). The resurrection IS a Present Reality for Christians, "For our citizenship is in Heaven" (Php 3:20).

On JUDGMENT, the Word is clear that men judge themselves now by their works, all that is left is for God to pass sentence. Hence, Judgment is a Present Reality.

"For God so loved the world [Gk. kosmos, the world God made and declared good in the beginning - Gen 1:31] that He gave His only-begotten Son, that everyone being persuaded in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world that He might judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. The one persuaded in Him is not judged, but the one not persuaded HAS ALREADY BEEN JUDGED; for he has not been persuaded in the authority of the only-begotten Son of God" (Jn 3:16-18, AST). Jewdeos quote John 3:16 every day, but do not contemplate the fullness of these verses, or that there are different "world orders" or arrangements, and only the World Order God declared "good" in the beginning, before the fall of man brought corruption, was the Cosmotoc Order God Intended for Adamic Man and Woman. For this reason He gave us the gift of Salvation through the Sacrifice of Jesus, the Price Paid for our collective failure to live up to His Nature. The old ritual laws could save no one, so Jesus announced forgiveness of failures/sins to us, "And everyone being persuaded in this One is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Ac 13:39, AST).

But not everyone accepts or is able to receive the Gift of Life, for, "The one being persuaded in the Son HAS everlasting life; but the one without persuasion of the Son will not see life, but THE ANGER OF GOD REMAINS ON HIM" (Jn 3:36, AST; also Ro 5:9-10). The Anger of God is the source of Judgment, for God is Light, purer and hotter than any fire, and for impure man to approach that flame he must be purified, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who were thrown into the fiery furnace in the book of Daniel and were not burned because One like the Son of God walked in the fire with them (Dan 3:25). Without the Sacrifice of the Son the Anger of God can not be appeased, "for truly, Our God is a consuming fire" (He 12:29).

In our study of Resurrection, Jesus said, "The one hearing My Word and being persuaded by He Who sent Me has everlasting life and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life" (Jn 5:24, AST). A few verses later Jesus adds, "Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming in which all those in the tombs will hear His voice and will come out, those having done good, into a resurrection of life; and those having practiced evil, into a resurrection of judgment" (Jn 5:28-29, AST). Three things to remember: John says that hour "now is" [then was] (Jn 4:23, 5:25); and also says they were in "a last hour" (1Jn 2:18); and Matthew said after Jesus was raised, "the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the Separated Ones, having fallen asleep, were raised. And coming forth out of the tombs after His rising, they entered into the separated city and were revealed to many" (Mt 27:52-53, AST). Recall Page 9 of my October letter where I cited many of the places the authors of the New Testament referred to THEIR TIME as: "the last time" (1Pe 1:5,20); "the last days" (Ac 2:16-17; He 1:2); "the completion of the ages" (He 9:26), and so forth.

Finally, it is the Word of God that judges us, as Jesus said, "And if anyone hears My words and is not persuaded, I do not judge him, for I did not come that I might judge the world, but that I might save the world. He who rejects Me and does not receive My words has that judging him: the Word which I spoke, that will judge him in the last day" (Jn 12:47-48, AST). It is the Word that will judge (He 4:12-13), all that is left is for God to pass sentence on those who reject His Word, something proven by their evil works.

...and above all is God.